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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR PORTUGAL

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1.DEPARTMEN APPRECIATES REPORT CONTAINED REFTTEL AND MINED
OFFICIAL'S DESIRE TO PURCHASE AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND
TEXTBOOKS INSTEAD OF SENDING ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES FOR EDU-
CATION DEGREES. WE AGREE THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES
ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR TEACHER CANDIDATES NOT APPRO-
PRIATE. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT PURCHASE OF AUDIO-VISUAL
EQUIPMENT AND TEXTBOOKS REPRESENTS OPTIMUM USE OF REMAINING
FUNDS, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE FUNDS ARE ONLY NON-AID
FUNDS NOW READILY AVAILABLE FOR USE IN SPECIAL PROGRAMS.

2.INASMUCH AS AMBASSADOR, ON SECRETARY'S INSTRUCTION, SPECI-
FICALLY OFFERED ALTERNATE USE THESE FUNDS TO PRESIDENT
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COSTA GOMES WE FEEL IT NECESSARY THAT DECISION ON NATURE OF

EXPENDITURE SHOULD REFLECT VIEW OF GOP RATHER THAN MINED ALONE. WE BELIEVE OPTIMUM USE WOULD BE THAT SUGGESTED BY PAO IN PARA 5 REFTEL AND REQUEST YOU PURSUE THIS COURSE FURTHER BEFORE DECISION IS MADE IN FAVOR AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS OR TEXTBOOKS. IF ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BEING SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATED BY GOP AT THIS TIME, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO BRING GROUP OF PORTUGUESE TO US IN-

STITUTIONS FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE ON ESTABLISHING SUCH AN INSTITUTION IN PORTUGAL.

3.CREATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTER FUNDS PROBABLY ESSENTIAL. WE DO NOT NEED TO REMIND EMBASSY OF CAUTIONS NECESSARY IN DETERMINING WHAT PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS WOULD MAKE UP SUCH COMMITTEE. IT IS OBVIOUSLY BETTER TO HAVE NO COMMITTEE THAN ONE WHICH WOULD CHANNEL FUNDS INTO PROJECTS WE WOULD CONSIDER COUNTER TO OUR INTERESTS.

4.AS FOR PARA 4 REFTEL WE WILL DISCUSS ENRICHMENT IN PROGRAMS WITH TEXAS AND NORTHWESTERN BUT CANNOT TAKE SERIOUSLY COMPLAINTS OF RIGIDITY. DESIRE FOR COURSES IN AUDIO-VISUAL COMMUNICATION FRANKLY SOUNDS LIKE COP-OUT.

5.WE ARE WILLING TO APPROVE CARNEIRO ON PROBATIONARY BASIS FOR EITHER FOUR OR SIX HOURS PER DAY DEPENDING ON WORK LOAD. HE DOES NOT LOOK LIKE IDEAL CANDIDATE BUT OF THOSE PRESENTED TO US HE IS OBVIOUSLY BEST. KISSINGER

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